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OFFICERS.

MODERATOR—R. A. JOHNSON.
TREASURER—H. W. JERNIGAN.
SECRETARY—A. W. GREGORY, Barclaysville, Harnett Co., N. C.

COMMITTEES.

ON OBITUARIES—W. A. Colville, R. C. Jackson and N. H. Lucas.
ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER—J. P. Canaday, H. R. Hayes, J. A. Hodges, J. B. Strickland, C. M. Core and W. H. Avery.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. A. JOHNSON	Dunn, N. C.
S. B. THAIN	Glenmore, N. C.
ROBT. STRICKLAND	Glenmore, N. C.
J. F. HILL	Goldsboro, N. C.
LUNDEE LEE	Giles' Mills, N. C.
J. E. SMITH	Myatt's Mills, N. C.
J. P. OGBURN	Myatt's Mills, N. C.
J. H. GRIFFIS	Myatt's Mills, N. C.
W. R. GLOVER	Little River Academy, N. C.
D. J. MCLIMORE	Fayetteville, N. C.
KENITH REYNOR	Little River Academy, N. C.
J. S. ELLIS	Clayton, N. C.
WM. HARRIS	Dunn, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL.

R. A. JOHNSON, J. P. OGBURN and W. H. CANADAY.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

JOHNSON'S CHAPEL CHURCH, JOHNSTON CO., N. C,
Friday, November 6th, 1891.

The congregation assemble in the church at 11:45 A. M. Elder D. J. McLimore, who was elected last year to preach the Introductory Sermon, being present, proceeds and preaches the Introductory from St. Matthew xxviii: 18, 19, 20, "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying: All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth; go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded, and lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world, amen."

After an intermission of thirty minutes, the congregation re-assemble, and is called to order by the Moderator, and names enrolled as follows:

OFFICERS.

R. A. Johnson, Moderator; H. W. Jernigan, Treasurer; A. W. Gregory, Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Obituaries—None.
On Ministerial Character—W. H. Avery and H. R. Hayes.

MINISTERS.

R. A. Johnson, Robt. Strickland, J. F. Hill, Lundee Lee (by letter), J. E. Smith, J. P. Ogburn, J. H. Griffis, W. R. Glover, D. J. McLimore, Kenith Reynor, J. S. Ellis, S. B. Thain (by letter), and Wm. Harris (by letter).

LICENTIATES.

J. W. Moore, T. G. Hayes, Daniel Faircloth and W. L. Godwin.

DELEGATES.

Prospect Church—R. M. Parker.
Hodges' Chapel—J. A. Hodges.
Pleasant Grove—D. A. Faircloth.
Long Branch—J. H. Pope.
Colyer's Chapel—W. P. Colyer and N. B. Norris.
Shady Grove—C. M. Core, Noel West and S. F. Jackson.
Stony Run—W. J. Jernigan, J. R. Barefoot and Josiah Hudson.
New Hope—J. B. Strickland.
Johnston Union—J. T. Avery, J. M. Corbett and J. R. Norris.
St. Mary's Grove—B. C. Harper and J. W. Pollard.
Johnson's Chapel—Jackson Barber, J. E. Barber and J. A. Johnson.
Union Springs—J. N. Gregory and S. H. Davis.
Mt. Pleasant—A. G. Hill and T. B. Myatt.
New Prospect—By letter.
Wood's Grove—J. C. Smith.
Friendship—By letter.
New Chapel—J. H. Wood and J. C. Ellis.
Bethel—J. R. Massingill and G. E. Moore.
Anderson's Creek—S. I. Moore and Daniel Wray.
Hopewell—D. C. Johnson, J. W. Alford and T. E. Oliver.
Dunn—G. R. Hodges.

Fifty-four members being present, the Conference is duly organized for the transaction of business.

The Secretary offers his resignation and earnestly asks the acceptance, but on motion is rejected by the body.

Elder McLimore is called Assistant Moderator, and T. G. Hayes is called Assistant Secretary.

The Moderator appoints J. A. Johnson, A. G. Hill and G. R. Hodges a Committee on Religious Exercises.

Noel West, W. P. Colyer and W. J. Jernigan a Committee on Finance.

J. A. Hodges, J. B. Strickland and C. M. Core are appointed to fill vacancies in the Committee on Ministerial Character.

The name of R. C. Jackson, from Shady Grove, and J. W. Moore, from Bethel, are enrolled Licentiates.

Petitionary letters are called for, but none received.

Reports from churches are called, and church letters read from all the churches.

Committee on Religious Exercises retire to get up a report.

The following verbal reports are made by the ministers:

Elder Hill reports that he has served two churches regularly and done other successful work, etc.

Elder Smith reports that he has served one church and done outside work, etc.

Elder Reynor reports that he has filled one monthly appointment and preached twenty-seven sermons outside the bounds of the Conference, etc.

Elder McLimore reports that he has worked successfully, and that large fields are yet open, etc.

Elder Griffis reports that he has served one church and done some outside work, etc.

Elder Ogburn reports that he has served two churches with some additions, etc.

Elder Robt. Strickland reports that he has served five churches some and done a vast amount of outside work, etc.

Elder Glover reports that he has served two churches, held glorious revivals, etc.

Elder Ellis reports that he has served three churches, held revivals, etc.

Elder Johnson reports that he has preached and held successful revivals, etc.

Elder Lee reports, by letter, that he has served three churches and done a vast amount of other work, etc.

Elder Thain reports, by letter, that he is very infirm, 85 years of age, and asks an interest in all our prayers.

Elder Harris is reported as well stricken in years, but has been laboring for the Master.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report: To preach to-morrow at the stand at 11 o'clock, J. E. Smith, followed by J. F. Hill at night; R. A. Johnson, followed by J. H. Griffis.

On motion, Conference adjourns till to-morrow morning at 9:30. Prayer by Elder Johnson.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, November 7th, 1891.

The Conference is duly opened at 9:30. Religious exercise is conducted by Elder J. F. Hill, who reads 13th chapter 1st Corinthians, and leads in prayer.

Roll is called, and fifty members are present to answer to their names.

The minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

The names of W. O. Hayes and P. L. Hayes, delegates from New Hope, are enrolled.

The Committee on Ministerial Character retire to get up a report.

Fines are collected from absentees.

On motion, the order of business is suspended, and work resumed under the head of miscellaneous business.

Petitions for the next Conference are received from Johnston Union, Bethel and Shady Grove. Vote taken and decided that the next Conference be held with the church at Bethel, Johnston County, N. C., commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1892, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Elder J. F. Hill is elected to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder R. A. Johnson is elected alternate.

The name of C. T. Temple, delegate from Bethel Church, is enrolled.

It now being 11 o'clock, the congregation, with those assigned to the stand, retire for preaching.

The name of E. T. Phillips, delegate from the Western Conference, is enrolled.

The report from the Finance Committee is received, and, on motion, adopted and committee relieved. (See reports).

Report on Ministerial Character is received, and, on motion, adopted and committee continued. (See reports).

On motion, the names of J. T. W. Edwards, W. R. T. Edwards and R. C. Wallace are erased from the minutes, and their credentials demanded.

The Moderator appoints Elder Robt. Strickland a committee to demand their credentials, and make his report to the next Annual Conference.

Resolution offered by A. W. Gregory, concerning a monument to Elders Moore and Fowler, is received, and, on motion, refused to adopt.

Resolution offered by A. W. Gregory, concerning the election of officers, is received and adopted. (See resolutions).

Resolution offered by J. S. Ellis, is received, and, on motion tabled.

On motion, Elders McLimore, Johnson and A. W. Gregory are elected delegates to represent this Conference in the Western Conference, which is to meet with the church at Holly Springs in Bula, on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1892.

After thirty minutes intermission for dinner, the business is resumed, and, on motion, the Conference votes to raise $15 to pay the expenses of the delegates to and from the Western Conference.

Resolution offered by J. P. Canaday is received, and amended by Elder Hill, to change the time of holding Conference, on motion, is adopted. (See resolutions).

Resolution by H. W. Jernigan is received, and, on motion, adopted. (See resolutions).

A fine of twenty-five cents is collected from Bro. I. W. Taylor, and Bro. B. C. Harper pays a fine of ten cents, also Bro. Temple pays a ten-cent fine.

Resolution by C. M. Core is received and adopted. (See resolutions).

Resolution by Bro. J. A. Hodges is received, and, on motion, adopted. (See resolutions).

On motion, Secretary is to have 500 copies of the proceedings of this Conference printed and distributed.

On motion, the Secretary is allowed $10 for his services in preparing and distributing the Minutes.

On motion, the Secretary is to send 50 copies to the Western Conference.

On motion, the law passed at Johnston Union Church, in regard to Psalmody Hymn Books, is hereby repealed, and Zion's Hymns is adopted by this body, to be used in all the churches.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report: To preach to-morrow at the stand at 10:30, Elder McLimore, followed by Robt. Strickland, and closed by R. A. Johnson, which, on motion, is received and committee discharged.

On motion, a vote of thanks is tendered the people of this vicinity for their kindness during the session.

On motion, the Treasurer pays $26.22, the amount as per report of the Finance Committee, to the Secretary.

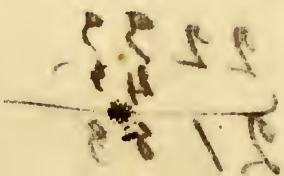
The minutes of the day are read and approved.

On motion, Conference adjourns to meet at Bethel Church, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, A. D. 1892, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Closing remarks and prayer by Elder Johnson.

R. A. JOHNSON,
Moderator.

A. W. GREGORY,
Secretary.



REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER.

We, the Committee on Ministerial Character, report the following:

We find the charges of intemperance against J. T. W. Edwards to be well established, and we, through our chairman, ordered him to leave off preaching till your Annual Conference, now in session. The committee having learned that, since investigation, said Edwards has been expelled from his church, we, therefore, ask that your body demand his credentials.

Relative to the continued non-attendance at the Annual Conference, and as to his not preaching, R. C. Wallace was interviewed by our committee, and we ask that your body demand his credentials.

W. R. F. Edwards has not been preaching, and has been dismissed from his church. We, therefore, ask that his credentials be demanded.

We know nothing derogatory to the character of any other minister of our Conference.

We ask the co-operation of the church clerks, of the local churches, to aid us in our work.

Respectfully,

J. P. CANADAY,
J. A. HODGES,
C. M. CORE,
W. H. AVERY,
Committee.

ON FINANCE.

We, the Finance Committee, submit the following report:

We find, in the hands of the Treasurer,

Minute funds for the year 1891	$24 32
Surplus of 1890	1 60
Fines collected	30
Total	$26 22

W. J. JERNIGAN,
NOEL WEST,
W. P. COLYER,
Committee.

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RESOLUTION BY J. P. CANADAY.

Resolved, That the time of holding Conference be changed to Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October in each year. J. P. CANADAY.

RESOLUTION BY A. W. GREGORY.

Resolved, That we hold an election of officers at the meeting of the next Annual Conference.

A. W. GREGORY.

RESOLUTION BY C. M. CORE.

Resolved, That each local church be requested to report at each Annual Conference the amount of Sunday-school work done during the year. C. M. CORE.

RESOLUTION BY H. W. JERNIGAN.

Resolved, That each church in the Conference be requested to send, with their delegate to the Union Conference, an amount of ten cents per head of their membership, as a Mission fund. Respectfully,

H. W. JERNIGAN.

RESOLUTION BY J. A. HODGES.

Resolved, That each minister of the Cape Fear Conference be requested to remain at each Annual Conference the entire session, and leaving without excuse, shall be fined the sum of five dollars. Respectfully,

J. A. HODGES.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—1891.

1st. Introductory Sermon.
2d. Enrollment of those entitled to membership.
3d. Organization.
4th. Appointment of Committees.
5th. Reports from Committees.
6th. Enrollment of newly ordained Ministers.
7th. Enrollment of Licentiates.
8th. Call for Petitionary Letters.
9th. Hand of Fellowship to visiting brethren.
10th. Report from Churches.
11th. Resolutions.
12th. Miscellaneous business.
13th. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known as the Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference.

ART. 2. The object of this Conference shall be to promote Christ's kingdom among men by means in strict comformity to the Holy Scriptures.

ART. 3. This Conference shall be composed of its own officers, of the ministers who are members of the churches belonging to the body, of delegates from the churches, each church being entitled to three delegates, and one representative from each Board and Standing Committee.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear to the Conference a letter certifying their appointment, showing the condition and statistics of the church, and giving a statement of all funds raised during the year for denominational or other benevolent purposes.

ART. 5. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, who shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. This Conference may, at each regular meeting, elect as many boards or standing committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each regular meeting of this Conference.

ART. 7. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at a regular session of Conference through delegates appointed for that purpose. If she be received, the Moderator shall extend to her delegates the hand of fellowship.

ART. 8. The Conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

ART. 9. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session by a vote of four-fifths of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF 1891.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS FOR 1891.	For Minutes.	Paid to Pastors.	Sabbath Schools.	Miscellaneous Funds.	Members Received.	Baptized.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	Number of Members.	Increase.	Decrease.
Prospect	Harnett	W. R. Glover	$ 1 00	$20 16	$	$ 5 60	7	4	3	6	2	96		4
Hodge's Chapel	Harnett	J. E. Smith	1 00	30 00	1 00		4		3			110	1	
Pleasant Grove	Harnett	Wm. Harris	1 00				21	19			1	131	20	
Long Branch	Cumberland	Lundee Lee	1 00	25 77	5 00		23	18	4	1	1	27	17	
Colyer's Chapel	Cumberland	D. J. McLimore	1 00	55 46	2 09		3	2				73	3	
Shady Grove	Sampson	Lee and Glover	1 10	40 20	3 65	7 63	59	47	3		5	278	51	
Stony Run	Sampson	R. A. Johnson	1 50	30 00	3 00		33	28		5	1	134	29	
New Hope	Johnston	Robt. Strickland	1 70	20 00	7 43	2 10	2		2	3		66		3
Johnston Union	Johnston	J. S. Ellis	1 50	11 70	9 37	9 90	13	7	3	3		78	7	
St. Mary's Grove	Johnston	J. P. Ogburn	1 00						7	1		43		8
Johnson's Chapel	Johnston	J. S. Ellis	1 50	18 00	3 75		1	1	2	2		66		3
Union Springs	Johnston	J. P. Ogburn	1 00	9 00			1	1				27	1	
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	J. S. Ellis	2 02	15 80	6 72	25 25	3	2	1		1	60	1	
New Prospect	Wayne	J. F. Hill	75		1 15		2		2	2		24		2
Wood's Grove	Wayne	Robt. Strickland	1 50	15 71		9 75						71		
Friendship	Wayne	J. F. Hill	65	5 00	4 45		8					22	3	
New Chapel	Johnston	Robt. Strickland	60	10 00	1 70							36		
Bethel	Johnston	Robt. Strickland	1 25	12 00			19	18	1		2	50	13	
Anderson's Creek	Harnett	Kenith Reynor	1 00	12 00		2 00		1				26		1
Hopewell	Johnston	Robt. Strickland	1 00	20 00			2	2	4			23	2	
Dunn	Harnett	R. A. Johnson	1 25			22 25	37	26		1		55	36	